

**Politics and Presents**  
**Matthew 2:1-23**

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**1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the Sovereign King.**

- a. The King was \_\_\_\_\_ identified through prophecy and a miraculous star.
- b. The kingly rule of Christ should be acknowledged by \_\_\_\_\_, including nobles and scholars.
- c. The kingly rule of Christ is often sinfully \_\_\_\_\_ by civil authorities.

*"Herod knew what many Christians do \_\_\_\_\_. The birth of this child meant that the old way of ruling mankind was doomed. ... Of the increase of the Lord's government there would be no end. But whatever it meant, Herod knew that he was against it."*

*- Douglas Wilson*

*"Think about all the governments who have persecuted churches and their members. These governments have been wrong to view churches as a threat to their institutional power--Jesus did not give churches the power of the sword. But such governments have been dead right to believe that church members \_\_\_\_\_ give final allegiance to them. They give it to Jesus." - Jonathan Leeman*

**2. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ King.**

The gifts of the magi are symbolic of three realities about the person and work of Christ.

- a. Gold reminds us that Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Frankincense reminds us of our obligation to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
- c. Myrrh reminds us that Christ suffered and \_\_\_\_\_ as a substitute for sinners.

**3. Jesus, God in the \_\_\_\_\_, is God's incomparable gift to us..**

- a. Therefore, in part, Christmas is a celebration of the \_\_\_\_\_--when the Word became flesh.

*"The power of Christmas is when spiritual and material \_\_\_\_\_ . And it always has been. That is the joy of the season, that is the good news, that is the laughter and the paradox and the earth-shaking magic of Christmas. The infinite Word became a physical baby."*

*- Rachel Jankovic*

- b. Therefore, in recognition of God Gift to us we give \_\_\_\_\_ to others.